

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

JAMES COPPEDGE,
Plaintiff,

v.

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
Defendant.

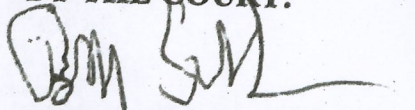
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CIVIL ACTION
NO. 23-2291

ORDER

AND NOW, this 18th day of September 2023, it is **ORDERED** that Plaintiff James Coppedge's Motion seeking to reopen this case is **DENIED**.¹ (ECF 14.) This case shall remain closed.

BY THE COURT:



Berle M. Schiller, J.

¹ The Court dismissed Coppedge's claims with prejudice pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(b) and this case was closed on August 7, 2023. (ECF 13.) Rule 60(b) "allows a party to seek relief from a final judgment and request the reopening of his case, under a limited set of circumstances including fraud, mistake, newly discovered evidence, or any reason justifying relief." *Gonzalez v. Crosby*, 545 U.S. 524, 529 (2005); *see* Fed. R. Civ. P. 60(b). But "Rule 60(b) motions are viewed as 'extraordinary relief which should be granted only where extraordinary justifying circumstances are present.'" *Kiburz v. Sec'y, U.S. Dep't of the Navy*, 446 F. App'x 434, 436 (3d Cir. 2011) (quoting *Bohus v. Beloff*, 950 F.2d 919, 929 (3d Cir. 1991)). There are no extraordinary circumstances that require reopening this matter.

Coppedge seeks to reopen this case "only for the purpose of utilizing [his] private exemption of Supersedes [sic] Bonds to discharge the Taxes and Water Bill Debts as presented to the Honorable Court." (ECF 16.) As the Court has explained, Coppedge's claims are "legally baseless and patently frivolous." (ECF 13.) The Third Circuit has characterized similar claims as being brought under a "Redemptionist" theory—"an indefensible tactic used by debtors attempting to avoid repayment of their debts" *Coppedge v. PNC Bank*, No. 18-2123, 2018 WL 10811876, at *1 n.1 (E.D. Pa. Nov. 21, 2018) (citing *Monroe v. Beard*, 536 F.3d 198, 203 n.4 (3d Cir. 2008)). "[V]apor money," "unlawful money," or "redemption" theories of debt, have been uniformly rejected by the courts." *Rivera v. Gatestone & Co.*, No. 23-35, 2023 WL 5530685, at *6 (D. Conn. Aug. 28, 2023) (citations omitted).

If Coppedge continues to submit filings lacking any legal basis, the Court may consider whether to use its inherent power to impose a pre-filing injunction as "an appropriate sanction for conduct which abuses the judicial process" under the All Writs Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1651(a); *see also* *Brow v. Farrelly*, 994 F.2d 1027, 1038 (3d Cir. 1993).

Verification

I, the undersigned, do certify that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, understanding, and upon my unlimited commercial liability as Secured Party Creditor.

CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, do certified that I caused to be served the foregoing PETITION FOR APPEAL to be served upon the following parties this 11 day of OCTOBER 2023 in the manner indicated below:

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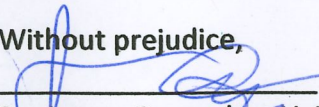
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